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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am sending you this brief letter in hopes of adding my sentiments to those millions who would like to see an end to the Microsoft case. This litigation has stymied an entire industry and contributed to our general economic malaise. There is no further reason to prolong the resolution of this case. I hope you will use your office and influence to see it settled soon.

By the terms of the proposed settlement plan, Microsoft will endeavor to actively undermine its own predominance in the IT industry. It has agreed to surrender its past practice of demanding exclusive domain over software in its Windows platforms. It has even agreed to render its Windows platforms in configurations that invite the use of non-Microsoft software. It has agreed to open its technology to exploitation by its competitors. It has, in fact, agreed to facilitate competition.

These and other concessions validate Microsoft's claim to desire an open and fair playing field in the industry. Microsoft deserves this settlement and so does the country.

Sincerely,

Thomas Allbee